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U.S. ATTORNEY MURPHY ANNOUNCES IMPORTANT NEW INITIATIVE WITH PRIVATE SECTOR AT CORPORATE ANTI-TERRORISM CONFERENCE

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today the formation of a private sector-government initiative to enhance cooperation in preventing terrorist attacks. Murphy announced the formation of a new "Corporate Security - Government Law Enforcement Roundtable" as approximately 150 corporate security managers and legal professionals from throughout southeast Michigan were on hand to attend a "first of its kind" corporate anti-terrorism conference at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center today. Along with General Motors Corporation, the U.S. Attorney's Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council of the Eastern District of Michigan organized the conference to emphasize the important role private industry plays in preventing terrorist attacks, export violations to hostile nations and other threats to the national security.

"Terrorists look for chinks in our armor," said United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy, "But close cooperation and coordination between the government and the private sector seals off those chinks. Fostering an active, productive partnership with the private sector is crucial to protecting our national security, and that is why we are not only sponsoring today's Corporate

Anti-Terrorism Conference, but we are kicking off a new initiative, a Corporate Security - Government Law Enforcement Roundtable, that will look for new and effective ways for the government and the private sector to cooperate in protecting the people of our district. This initiative seeks to forge a strategic alliance between law enforcement and the private sector to identify and eliminate vulnerabilities and to increase our ability to prevent and respond to terrorist attacks."

Heading up the roster of important speakers was former U.S. Deputy Attorney General Paul J. McNulty, who gave the key-note address. McNulty is now a partner at the law firm of Baker & McKenzie in Washington, D.C.

Also speaking were Richard Fenton, Vice President of Corporate Security for Ilitch Holdings; Gordon Kettler, Executive Director of Global Security for General Motors; Rod Kinghorn, Director of Global Investigations for General Motors; William Kowalski, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI-Detroit; R. Daryl Lundy, Director of Homeland Security for the City of Detroit; Scott Marrah, Partner, Kilpatrick, Stockton, Atlanta, Ga., and Emad (Al) Shenouda, Protective Security Advisor, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Marrah, a former federal prosecutor for the Southern District of New York, highlighted the role private sector security managers can play to reduce threats to national security, such as the export of dual use technologies and the use of profits from the sale of counterfeit goods to finance terrorist groups.

U.S. Attorney Murphy emphasized that today's conference was intended to lay the foundation for future information sharing and strategic development between corporate security experts and federal law enforcement in the region.

The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan, the fourteenth largest such office in America, prosecutes civil and criminal matters on behalf of the United States of America and its agencies in the 34 counties that make up the eastern half of the state. The office serves a population of more than 6.7 million Michigan residents and is comprised of approximately 100 Assistant United States Attorneys and a similar number of support staff. The Office has an active and experienced National Security Unit consisting of

nine Assistant United States Attorneys with almost 150 collective years of experience. Lawyers in that Unit organize and run the district's Anti Terrorism Advisory Committee, which is chaired by United States Attorney Murphy.

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy was appointed by President Bush to his position on March 8, 2005, and confirmed by unanimous consent of the United States Senate three months later. In his two and one half years of service, US Attorney Murphy has compiled a substantial record of both criminal prosecution and appropriate public awareness and outreach in the area of national security. Involving local citizens and business organizations in those efforts has been an important element of his strategy.

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